



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Stedan, Inc.
File: B-265890
Date: September 1, 1995

DECISION

Stedan, Inc. protests the General Services Administration's solicitation method in connection with invitation for bids No. 7FXI-G6-95-4214-N. The solicitation was sent to Stedan on diskettes but required bidders to submit 2 hard copies of their bids. Stedan states that in hard copy the solicitation was 116 pages long, that many of the pages of the solicitation were redundant, and that it did not submit an offer because the costs of "creating, processing and mailing 232 sheets of paper was not reasonable."

We dismiss this protest as untimely filed.

Our Bid Protest Regulations contain strict rules requiring timely submission of protests. These rules specifically require that protests based upon alleged improprieties in a solicitation which are apparent prior to bid opening must be filed prior to bid opening. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(a)(1); Manatts, Inc., B-237532, Feb. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 287.

Therefore, Stedan's protest filed after bid opening is untimely and will not be considered.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Berger".
Ronald Berger
Associate General Counsel

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